

The Georgia Board of Nursing met July 9-10, 2008 in Conference Room 102 & 104 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN
Toni Barnett, RN, Ph.D., APRN
Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN
Mary Anderson, RN, BSN, MA
Susan Ayers, RN, BSN, MPH
Linda Herren, RN, CRNA, President
Karen K. Wessinger, BSHE, Vice President
Delynn Keeton, RN, MN, CPHRM

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Gwen Dodson, Administrative Assistant
Ellen Morris, Board Secretary
Adrienne Price, RN, MSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Julia Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant – Education
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Consultant–Practice
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Meredith Kendall – Staff Attorney – Legal Services
Sonya Williams – Staff Attorney-Legal Services

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

DH-RNI080610	Personal Appearance
PC-RNI080643	Personal Appearance
LB-RNI080640	Personal Appearance
JL-RNI080558	Personal Appearance
EM-RNI080626	Personal Appearance

Mrs. Herren called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2008. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

VISITORS PRESENT (During Executive Session, visitors are excused unless scheduled for personal appearance)

Lauren Vosatka

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the June 5, 2008 minutes with corrections noted. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved, Mrs. Wessinger seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, *to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Keeton, Dr. Barnett and Mrs. Lockwood.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday July 9, 2008, Mrs. Herren declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq
July 9-10, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI070384 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Professional Conduct. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070389 – Mrs. Anderson moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080153 – Dr. Barnett moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member and the Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080310 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer the case to local law enforcement for criminal prosecution for impersonating a registered nurse. Also, it was moved to release all investigative files to the local jurisdiction, accept Cease and Desist, and close the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060413 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Scope of Practice. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080428 – Mrs. Anderson moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Reprimand for unprofessional behavior to include a course in Ethics. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080316 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050314 – Mr. Thigpen moved to notify the Florida Board of Nursing of GBON findings, release investigative file, close the case and alert the system. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060488 – Mrs. Anderson moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include probation for (4) four years, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports and continue to monitor current therapy program. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070505 – Mrs. Anderson moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member and the Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070144 – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Patient Assessment. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070121 – Mrs. Anderson moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member and the Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070373 – Dr. Barnett moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member and the Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070507 – Mrs. Anderson moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member and the Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080505 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to rescind previous Board motion and refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include a fine of \$200 for unlicensed practice and a fine of \$500 for violation of original consent order. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL SERVICES

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Investigations to hand serve consent orders for the following:

RNI080505

RNI080655

RNI080673

RNI080666

RNI080642

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI090016 – Mrs. Keeton moved that it is the opinion of the Board that an RN under a consent order is not qualified to lead an aftercare group and this activity may violate the RN's consent order and GNA policy. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

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RNI060453 – Mrs. Anderson moved to request an investigative interview and flag the system if the applicant attempts to apply by Endorsement. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Keeton moved, Mr. Thigpen seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, *to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Wessinger and Dr. Barnett.

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OPEN RECORDS REQUEST

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080680 – Mr. Thigpen moved to release application file. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NCLEX APPLICATIONS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080781 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to proceed with licensure by Examination. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080780 – Mrs. Keeton moved to proceed with licensure by Examination and close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080788 – Dr. Barnett moved to proceed with licensure by Examination and close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO LIFT NARCOTIC RESTRICTIONS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mrs. Anderson moved to lift narcotic restrictions for issuance of temporary licensure but a Full Board Review must be conducted before issuing licensure. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO LIFT SUSPENSION AND RESTORE LICENSE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI070431 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to deny lifting of suspension and restoration of license based on criminal history. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080791 – Mr. Thigpen moved to deny licensure based on not meeting clinical practice requirements. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080794 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to request applicant to get an NCIC approved background check within 30 days to be reviewed by Cognizant. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080795 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080798 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement upon proof of successful completion of the Texas Board of Nursing consent order. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080748 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement and close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080778 – Mrs. Anderson moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE as a condition of the Board's consideration of the application. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080807 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement and close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080753 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include a fine of \$500 for not disclosing prior criminal history on the 1994 application and proceed with licensure by Reinstatement when fine is paid. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080780 – Dr. Barnett moved to deny licensure by Reinstatement based on lack of information related to documented sobriety. The applicant may reapply after 12 months of continuous documented sobriety and continued aftercare. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080754 – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include probation for (4) four years, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions for two (2) years, quarterly reports and a fine of \$500 for falsification of application and proceed with licensure by Reinstatement. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MENTAL PHYSICAL VIOLATION

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI060018 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Indefinite Suspension for violation of MPE order and notify other state boards where licensed. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080811 – Mrs. Anderson moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

POSSIBLE VIOLATION

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RNI080146 - Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080793 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Indefinite Suspension for violation of Consent order. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080758 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or an Amended Public Consent Order to include extension of current probation for two (2) years, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports, monthly drug screens, follow MPE recommendations and a fine of \$500 for violation of previous consent order. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ayers arrived at the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

RNI080790 – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080137/RNI09000 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080137/RNI09001 – Mrs. Anderson moved to require licensee to attend classes in another program twice a week and notify RN current employer cannot complete the employer & aftercare reports and that drug screens need to be done at a different location. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED CASES

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080045/RNI080809 – Dr. Barnett moved to deny licensure based on not meeting clinical education requirements. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COMPLAINT REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080608 – Dr. Barnett moved to close the case. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080441 – Mrs. Anderson moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member and the Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080786 – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080810 – Mr. Thigpen moved to approve current position and RN must notify Georgia Board of Nursing before a change in job duties. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080786 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080812 – Mr. Thigpen moved to request an investigative interview regarding recent charges. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS - VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Jackson, Ginger – Mrs. Ayers moved to accept Voluntary Surrender. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080813 – Mrs. Anderson moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing to include a Voluntary Surrender or Indefinite Suspension for violation of consent order and the nurse may petition for restoration of license after twelve (12) months continuous documented sobriety. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080744 – Mrs. Anderson moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing to include a Voluntary Surrender or Indefinite Suspension for violation of consent order and the nurse may petition for lifting suspension after 12 months continuous documented sobriety. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OPEN RECORDS REQUEST

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080806 – Mrs. Anderson moved to release application and investigative files to Putnam County Sheriff's Office. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080674 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement to include a fine of \$150 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI090004 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEWS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080101 – The licensee did not appear for investigative interview and the disposition remains unchanged.

RNI080102 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Documentation. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

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RNI080655 – Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the Private Consent upon docketing. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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PERSONAL APPEARANCES

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080610 – Mrs. Keeton moved to deny licensure but applicant may reapply after supervised probation is completed. Applicant is requested to notify LPN Board of criminal history. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080643 – Mr. Thigpen moved to deny licensure by Reinstatement, deny request for a conference call and serve a Cease & Desist order. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080640 – Mrs. Anderson moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$7000 for unlicensed practice to be paid in full by October 31, 2008 and notify the South Carolina Board of Nursing of Private Consent Agreement. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080558 – Mr. Thigpen moved to deny lifting of suspension based on criminal history involving a minor patient. RN may petition for lifting suspension after completion of criminal probation. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080643 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$400 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080643 – Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the Consent order when docketed. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Lockwood moved, Mrs. Wessinger seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, *to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mrs. Keeton, Mrs. Ayers, Dr. Barnett, Mr. Thigpen and Mrs. Anderson.

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ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080794 – Mrs. Anderson moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement and close the case with a Letter of Concern: re: Criminal. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI090010 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to deny licensure based on past disciplinary history. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Herren adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Mercy Popoole	Cathy Maxwell	Marsha Johnson	Lisa Beck	Frank Webster
Lynn Waits	Dr. Mindy McCannon	Kay Gatins	Diane Peters	Janice McClure
June Goyne	Lisa Eichelberger	Denise Flook	Emily Imrey	Carrie Snead
Mary Brown	Joan Cranford	Pat Tipton	Donna Leigh	Valentina Bowens
Erica Burnett	Debbie Greene	C. Micheal Dykes	Michelle Harrell	Jeff King
Annie Purvis	Jan Andrews	Rebecca Corvey	Deborah Beard	

Mrs. Herren called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2008. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

PROPOSED RULE REVISIONS

Rule 410-12-.03

Mrs. Anderson moved to acknowledge receipt of one (1) written comment. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Keeton moved to approve the posting of Rule 410-12-.03. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Lockwood moved to repost Rule 410-12-.03 with changes. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDED RULE
TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF NURSING CHAPTER 410-12: REGULATION OF ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE; RULE 410-12-.03 RULES FOR NURSE PRACTITIONERS
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Nursing (hereinafter "Board") proposes to adopt an amended rule to the Rules of the Georgia Board of Nursing, Chapter 410-12. The proposed amended rule is to describe better the requirements of a nurse practitioner recognized by the Board to engage in advanced practice registered nursing.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the synopsis of the proposed amended rule, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the synopsis of the proposed amended rule may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia Board of Nursing's web page at www.sos.georgia.gov/plb/rn. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Georgia Board of Nursing office at (478) 207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on September 18, 2008 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed new rule. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received on or before September 9, 2008. Written comments should be addressed to Randall Vaughn Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Nursing, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 478-207-1660.

The proposed amended rule will be considered for adoption by the Georgia Board of Nursing at its meeting scheduled to begin at 9:05 p.m. September 9, 2008 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 30217. According to legal advice rendered by the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Nursing has the authority to adopt the proposed new rule for Chapter 410-12, pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-26-3 (1) and (1.1), 43-26-5 (a) (2), (11) and (21), and O.C.G.A. § 43-1-25.

In accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4 (a) (4), the Board voted at its board meeting on July 10, 2008, that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and that any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-26-1 *et seq.*

The Board also voted at its board meeting on July 10, 2008, that, in order to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§43-26-1 *et seq.* it is not legal or feasible to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as required by the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and will have the same impact on each business that is independently, owned and operated in the field of nursing.

For further information, contact the Board office at 478-207-1651.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This ____ day of _____, 2008.

Randall Vaughn
Division Director
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS

Posted: _____

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULE TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF NURSING RULES
RULE 410-12-.03

- PURPOSE:** The purpose of this rule is to update the rules related to nurse practitioners.
- MAIN FEATURE:** The main feature of this rule is to describe better the requirements of a nurse practitioner recognized by the Board to engage in advanced practice registered nursing.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF
NURSING RULES, CHAPTER 410-12 REGULATION OF ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE; RULE 410-12-.03 RULES FOR
NURSE PRACTITIONERS**

NOTE: Underlined text is proposed to be added; lined through text is proposed to be deleted.

410-12-.03 Rules for Nurse Practitioners. Amended.

(1) Definition

(a) A nurse practitioner is a registered professional nurse who ~~has completed/graduated from a post-basic educational program for nurse practitioners, at least nine (9) months in length, which includes theoretical and practical components and evidence of advanced pharmacology within the curriculum or as a separate course.~~ is recognized by the Board to engage in advanced practice registered nursing.

(b) ~~A nurse practitioner holds current certification from the certifying organization of the American Nurses Association (ANA), National Association of Pediatric Nurse Associates and Practitioners (NAPNAP), the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, And Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN, formerly NAACOG), or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, and is authorized to practice by the Board. The nurse practitioner practices in a manner consistent with Chapter 410-13 of the Georgia Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations.~~

(2) Scope and Standards of Practice for the Nurse Practitioner:

(a) The nurse practitioner provides ~~primary~~ advanced practice nursing care and medical services specific to the nurse practitioner respective specialty to individuals, families and groups, emphasizing health promotion and disease prevention as well as the diagnosis and management of acute and chronic diseases. The nurse practitioner collaborates as necessary with a variety of individuals to diagnose and manage clients' health care problems. ~~The nurse practitioner must practice in a manner that is not inconsistent with the standards of practice of the Board approved organization by which he/she is certified:~~

(b) ~~American Academy of Nurse Practitioners *Standards of Practice*; National Association of Pediatric Nurse Associates and Practitioners *Standards of Practice for PNP/As*; American Nurses Association *Standards of Practice for the Primary Care Nurse Practitioner*; or Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses *Standards for the Nursing Care of Women and Newborns*.~~ The nurse practitioner practices in a manner consistent with the nationally recognized nursing practice standards for the respective nurse practitioner specialty that is consistent with the Board-recognized national certification organization identified in Rule 410-12-.12.

(3) Requirements for initial authority to Practice as a Nurse Practitioner:

(a) ~~Prior to January 1, 1999, an applicant who submits the following items may be authorized to practice as a nurse practitioner: evidence of current licensure as a registered professional nurse in Georgia;~~

(b) ~~Beginning January 1, 1999, for initial authority to practice as a nurse practitioner, an applicant must submit an official transcript which verifies completion/graduation with a master's or higher degree in nursing for the respective nurse practitioner specialty and evidence of advanced pharmacology within the curriculum or as a separate course, in addition to the requirements stated in 410-12-.03~~

(3)(a) 1., 2. and 4. a completed Board application with required fee;

~~(c) official transcript which verifies completion/graduation from a post basic educational program for nurse practitioners, at least nine (9) months in length which includes theoretical and practical components and with a master's or higher degree in nursing for the respective nurse practitioner specialty or a graduate level post-master's certificate in an advanced practice registered nurse practitioner specialty and evidence of advanced pharmacology within the curriculum or as a separate course; and, advanced physical assessment, and pathophysiology.~~

(d) verification of current national certification from the respective Board-recognized certifying organization.

(4) The applicant must document one of the following within in four (4) years immediately preceding the date of current application:

(a) 500 hours of practice as an advanced practice registered nurse;

(b) graduation from a nursing education program or a graduate level post-master's certificate in an advanced practice registered nurse practitioner specialty within the four.

(c) completion of a Georgia Board-approved advanced practice registered nurse reentry/refresher program within the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of current application.

(5) An applicant who is unable to meet the requirements of (4) (a) (b) or (c) must satisfactorily complete the following:

(a) 40 hours of study relevant to advanced registered nursing practice within one (1) year of the date of application. Relevant advanced practice registered nurse study must include at least four (4) different content areas. The Board may waive the 40 hours of study if the applicant has passed a national recognized certification organization examination within the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of current application.

(b) current health care provider course of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation unless completed within one (1) year of the date of application with a Georgia Board of Nursing approved RN reentry;

(c) study of the Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 43-26-1 *et seq.* and Board rules; and

(d) 160 hours of relevant advanced practice registered nursing supervised by an advanced practice registered nurse in a comparable specialty area and in accordance with other Board criteria.

~~(4)~~ (6) Biennial Renewal of Board Authorization to Practice as a Nurse Practitioner:

~~(a) The date for renewal of Board authorization as a nurse practitioner will coincide with the renewal of the registered professional nurse license period. Authorization shall be administratively revoked if not renewed.~~

~~(b) Authorization to practice as a nurse practitioner shall expire on January 31 of odd numbered years and shall be administratively revoked if not renewed.~~

~~(c)~~ (b) For continued authority to practice, the nurse practitioner must ~~submit:~~

~~1. a completed renewal application for advanced nursing practice; renew licensure as a registered professional nurse in Georgia;~~

~~2. a copy of current national certification which bears the expiration date; and submit a completed renewal application for advanced nursing practice;~~

~~3. payment of the renewal fee. Attest to advanced practice registered nurse practice in accordance with applicable Georgia laws and rules; and~~

~~4. submit payment of the renewal fee.~~

~~(d) A renewal application, received with a postmark date after January 31 of odd numbered years, will be returned to the applicant. Thereafter, the applicant must apply to reinstate the authorization.~~

(c) Any licensee who fails to renew authorization must apply to reinstate the authorization.

Authority §§ 43-26-3 (1) and (1.1), 43-26-5 (a) (2), (11), and (21), 43-1-25.

Mr. Thigpen moved that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as provided by the Attorney General's Office. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rule 410-12-.06

Mrs. Wessinger moved to accept Rule 410-12-.06 as posted. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wessinger moved to repeal Rule 410-12-.06 as posted. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rule 410-12-.12

Mrs. Anderson moved to send a response to AACN to include the fact that their certification exam for acute care nursing is not included on the national commission for certifying agencies or the NCSBN listing and that the GBON welcomes their request in the future when the exam is included on the National Commission listing and NCSBN listing. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Thigpen abstaining.

Dr. Barnett moved to accept Rule 410-12-.12 as posted. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Barnett moved to adopt Rule 410-12-.12. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

410-12-.12 Recognition of National Certifying Organizations for Advanced Nursing Practice.

(1) The Board recognizes certification by: The American Midwifery Certification Board; American Academy of Nurse Practitioners; National Certification Corporation; Pediatric Nursing Certification Board; Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists; Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists; and American Nurses Credentialing Center for titles recognized in Rules Chapter 410-12.

(2) The Board may discontinue recognition of a certifying organization if it deems that the respective certification process does not provide an accurate evaluation of the individual's ability to engage in advanced nursing.

NEW POLICY

Mr. Thigpen moved to approve the following policy regarding hand serving consent orders.

"It is the policy of the Georgia Board of Nursing that all Consent Agreements not returned to Legal Services within thirty days of receipt shall be closed in Legal Services and forwarded to Investigations for the purpose to Hand Serve. The consent agreements shall be served within 30 days of receipt in Investigations and the Notice of Service shall be returned to the Board within 15 days.

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADVANCED PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Dr. Barnett moved to re-appoint Sheryl Winn as a member of the Advanced Practice Committee. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. Barnett moved that the GBON is opposed to AMA resolutions of #204, 214, 232, 239, and 716; however the Board is supportive of the first resolution under #214. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wessinger moved to appoint Mary Anderson as an Cognizant Board Member. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF INITIAL DECISION – ALBERT MADDOX

On Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. a Review of Initial Decision was held for Albert Maddox with Kimberly Stroup, Administrative Law Judge, presiding. Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, represented the Georgia Board of Nursing (all members of the Board present) with Melvin Goldstein representing the respondent, Albert Maddox. The Georgia Board of Nursing affirmed the Initial Decision in the case.

MISCELLANEOUS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080677 – Mrs. Keeton moved to rescind previous Board motion from the May 2008 meeting and also moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include Indefinite Suspension based on violation of current consent order. The nurse may petition for restoration of license after 12 months of continuous documented sobriety, continuous aftercare and payment of a fine of \$1000 for violation of previous consent order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Mrs. Anderson moved to accept the May 14-15, 2008 minutes with corrections noted. Mr. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wessinger moved, Mrs. Ayers seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, *to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Keeton, Mrs. Anderson, Dr. Barnett and Mr. Thigpen.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday, July 10, 2008 Mrs. Herren declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Applicant #1133117– Mrs. Anderson moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$1000 for unlicensed practice and a fine of \$500 for falsification of application. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1134477 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Endorsement to include a fine of \$200 for unlicensed practice and to send a letter to the RN regarding the use of the title graduate nurse. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1141863 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$150 for unlicensed practice and a fine of \$150 for unauthorized practice. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1271190 – Mr. Thigpen moved to deny re-entry proposal based on conflict of interest at current place of employment. Applicant must submit a new proposal by December 2, 2008. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1140713 – Mrs. Anderson moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$1000 for unlicensed practice. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1130297 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$100 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1144448 – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Endorsement to include a fine of \$6550 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1089631 – Dr. Barnett moved to write the applicant a letter to require an additional 80 hours of clinical to be done at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Georgia with Cindy Nives to be completed by December 1, 2008 and extend temporary license. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1138667 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to accept the Center for Outpatient Surgery proposal to sponsor applicant with an additional 40 hours of clinical and the study of the Georgia Board of Nursing laws and rules. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mrs. Ayers moved to accept the Cognizant Report regarding unlicensed/unauthorized practice and to refer identified cases to Legal Services for issuance of a Private Consent Agreement. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See attached reports.

GHA WORKFORCE COUNCIL LIAISON – DELYNN KEETON

- Mrs. Keeton presented the Board with a copy of the conference call meeting from the GHA Workforce Council on June 18, 2008:
 - Software for Clinical Rotation
 - Clinical Placement Regional Meetings & Standardization
 - GHA Scholarship Program
 - USG Healthcare Workforce Center

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS – JULIA GOULD

II – Mr. Thigpen moved to notify TT that, in order to be considered as a duly qualified applicant for licensure by examination, she must enroll in and graduate from an approved nursing education program leading to initial licensure as a first-level registered nurse. The program must meet criteria similar to, and not less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02 (1), (2)] Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DEVELOPING PROGRAMS

Macon State College BSN

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the following:

1. Submit the written plan for organization and development of the prelicensure BSN program at Macon State College which flows from the mission and philosophy and describes the relationship, placement, and sequencing of nursing and non-nursing courses. [410-4-.01 (4)(b)(c), and (e)]
2. The response must be received in the board office no later than August 14, 2008 for review at the Board's September 17-19, 2008 meeting. [410-3-.11 (2)]

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chattahoochee Technical College

A June 9, 2008 letter from Dr. Patricia Tipton, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Chattahoochee Technical College, was received for information. Dr. Tipton is concerned about the continued search for a nursing administrator for its proposed associate degree nursing program.

Gwinnett Technical College

Mrs. Anderson moved to accept the following:

1. Accept Report I for the proposed associate degree nursing program at Gwinnett Technical College. [410-4-.01 (4)]
2. Four (4) scannable copies of Report II must be received in the board office no later than February 12, 2009 for review at the Board's March 18-20, 2009 meeting. The materials must include the revised organizing framework. [410-4-.01 (4)(e); 410-4-.01 (5)]

Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Gordon College

Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the following:

1. Accept the 22-month report submitted by Gordon College in support of the development and implementation of an RN/BSN Completion Program. [410-4-.01 (2) (a), (b), (c), and (d)]
2. The 20-month report must be received in the board office no later than August 14, 2008 for review at the Board's September 17-19, 2008 meeting. A written description, according to criteria specified in the feasibility study and Rule 410-3-.10, must be provided for each practice setting proposed for learning activities. [410-4-.01 (3) (a), (b), (c), and (e)]

Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Herzing College

Dr. Barnett moved to deny Developmental Approval to Herzing College for the development and implementation of a proposed associate degree nursing program based upon noncompliance with the following rules:

1. 410-3-.01 (2): A parent institution is defined as an educational institution that is part of the University System of Georgia, the Department of Technical and Adult Education (now known as the Technical College System of Georgia), or nonprofit postsecondary institution.
2. 410-3-.03 (1): The nursing education program shall be an integral part of a parent institution accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SITE VISIT REPORT

Columbus State University

Mrs. Ayers moved to accept the following commendations:

1. Over the last four (4) years (2004-2007), 95.4% (187/196) of first-time NCLEX-RN writers have passed. [410-3-.09 (1), (2)]
2. A comprehensive plan for continuous quality assessment and improvement has been developed and implemented. [410-3-.03 (8)]
3. Minutes at all levels clearly document business conducted and actions taken. [410-3-.03 (9); 410-3-.05 (12)]
4. The philosophy, outcomes, written plan for the development and implementation of the curriculum, teaching/learning strategies, assessment of outcomes and policies are internally consistent. [410-3-.04 (2)]
5. Teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions incorporate praxis, reflection, critical thinking, and decision-making. [410-3-.04 (8)]
6. Teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions facilitate the transition to professional practice. [410-3-.04 (9)]
7. Test items generally conform to standards of test construction and incorporate nursing decision-making. [410-3-.04 (10)]

8. Faculty members have the graduate nursing education, expertise, and professional development necessary to enable the outcomes of the curriculum. [410-3-.05 (8)]
9. Initiatives are in place in the University and the Department (Student Success Program, pre-nursing coordinators, part-time lab instructors) to facilitate learning and success prior to and throughout the program. [410-3-.07 (2); 410-3-.04 (2)]
10. Educational facilities and resources provide for the effective operation of the program. [410-3-.10]
11. Based upon review and documentation of compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report, and an overall passing percentage of 95.4% (187/196) of all first-time NCLEX-RN writers over the last four (4) years (2004-2007), Full Approval is extended through December 31, 2012. [410-3-.02 (2)(a)] Unless another reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled for the 20011-2012 academic year. [410-3-.01 (8)]

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Clayton State University

Mrs. Ayers moved to accept the following commendations:

1. A comprehensive Systematic Evaluation plan has been developed and implemented. [410-3-.03(8)]
2. Minutes clearly document business conducted, actions taken and the integration of continuous quality assessment and improvement throughout the School. [410-3-.03 (9); 410-3-.05 (12)]
3. The program includes practice-based learning activities in diverse settings representative of the continuum of health care. [410-3-.04 (6)]
4. Teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions incorporate praxis, reflection, critical thinking, and decision-making. [410-3-.04 (8)]
5. Teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions facilitate the transition to professional practice. [410-3-.04 (9)]
6. Various strategies are used to assess and evaluation of student outcomes. [410-3-.04 (9)]
7. Faculty members have the graduate nursing education, expertise, and professional development necessary to enable the goals of the curriculum. [410-3-.05 (8)]
8. Flexibility in the course of study has been provided for prelicensure and RN/BSN students. [410-3-.07 (2)]
9. Mentoring and support opportunities are available to guide students throughout the program. [410-3-.07 (2)]
10. Campus labs facilities the learning goals of the curriculum. [410-3-.10 (2)]

Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ayers moved to accept the following recommendations:

1. Provide the written plan for the organization and development of the curriculum which describes the connection between the conceptual curriculum model, nursing and non-nursing courses, and the logic and sequence for the placement of courses. [410-3-.04 (2)]
2. Review existing shared office space for the impact on facility member effectiveness and faculty/student relationships with a written plan for remediation. [410-3-.10 (5)]

Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL STATUS

Albany State University

Dr. Barnett moved based upon review and documentation of compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report and responses to recommendations, and a passing percentage of at least 80% (11/12, 91.6%) of first-time NCLEX-RN writers from the first cohort of graduates from the reconstituted baccalaureate nursing program, Full Approval is granted Albany State University through December 31, 2012. [410-3-.02 (1)(d)] Unless another reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled during the 2011-2012 academic year. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESPONSES TO SITE VISIT REPORTS

Northwestern Technical College

At its May 14-16, 2008 meeting, the Board reviewed the March 6-7, 2008 site visit report. Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the following response:

1. Accept the site visit responses to recommendation (1), (3), and (4) submitted by Northwestern Technical College. [410-3-.11 (2)]
2. Provide the plan for recruiting and appointing a new faculty member to teach in Nursing 191, 193, and 194. The response must be received in the board office no later than August 14, 2008 for review by the Board at its September 17-19, 2008 meeting. [410-3-.11 (2)]

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Anderson gave out for informational purposes a copy of a PowerPoint presentation given by Suling Li, PhD, RN from NCSBN on "The Role of Simulation in Nursing Education: A Regulatory Perspective."

Mr. Thigpen moved, Mrs. Ayers seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, *to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Wessinger, Mrs. Keeton, Dr. Barnett and Mrs. Lockwood.

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PERSONAL APPEARANCES

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080626 – Mrs. Keeton moved to deny licensure by Endorsement based on failure to report arrest to the Texas Board of Nursing. RN may reapply for licensure upon resolution of action taken by the Texas Board of Nursing. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080626 – Mr. Thigpen moved to release the application file to the Texas Board of Nursing. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS/ORDERS – ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the Attorney General's Status and Activity Report and to accept the following Consent Agreements/Orders as prepared by the Attorney General's office.

Crosby, Mary	RNI080533	Green, Luana	RNI080480	RNI070106
Thompson, Connie	Wait, David	Woodie, Angela	RNI080481	RNI080126
RNI080498	Delk, Wendy	Doublerly, Shannon	Harn, Cynthia	RNI060013
RNI080478	Swim, Julissa	Threats, Melanie	Troup, Darrin	RNI080554

Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801000210 – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070484 – Mr. Thigpen moved to rescind the previous Board motion and refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include probation for (4) four years, narcotic restrictions for (2) two years and quarterly reports. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080236 – Mrs. Keeton moved to accept consent order as presented and deny the request for reduced probation. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080524 – Mrs. Anderson moved to accept the consent order pending receipt of the original consent order. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080552 – Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the consent order pending receipt of the original consent order. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080158 – Mrs. Anderson moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for Indefinite Suspension or Voluntary Surrender. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080239/RNI080548 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040384 – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080497 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080419 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Reprimand based on failure to report the 2002 arrest on the 2004 renewal application and to include a fine of \$500 falsification of application. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI070309 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to rescind the previous Board motion. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070309 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include probation for (4) four years, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports and monthly drug screens until successful completion of advanced practice nursing program Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dill, Joseph – Mr. Thigpen moved to accept Voluntary Surrender. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER-LEGAL SERVICES

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the following Private Consent Agreements prepared by Legal Services.

RNI080670	RNI080668	RNI080663	RNI080656	RNI080665
RNI080660	RNI080664	RNI080574	RNI080659	RNI080669
RNI080662	RNI080507	RNI080654	RNI080671	RNI080653
RNI080661	RNI080652	RNI080667	RNI080650	RNI080635
RNI080641	RNI080639	RNI080666		

Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

Mr. Thigpen moved, Mrs. Keeton seconded and the Board voted to approve applications for licensure and advanced practice authorization for the months of May, 2008 and June, 2008 that were determined, pursuant to Board approved guidelines, to have met licensure/authorization requirements. See attached reports.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Keeton moved to table discussions for inactive status for a Georgia RN until the September 2008 Board meeting. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motions and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Keeton moved to table discussions for volunteer registered professional nurse licenses until the September 2008 Board meeting. Mr. Thigpen second the motions and it carried unanimously

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Bond reported on administrative items and the following:

- Lynn Bahnsen, Johnson & Johnson, requests to give a presentation at September 2008 Board meeting
- Criminal Background Checks: Consultant to PLB to set up records check system
- Compliance Manager's position will require RN licensure
- Physical Addresses for Applicants/Licensees
- RN Board Meeting Dates

DATE	LOCATION
January 14-16, 2009	Office of the Secretary of State State Examining Boards 237 Coliseum Drive Macon, Georgia 31217-3858
March 18-20, 2009	Office of the Secretary of State State Examining Boards 237 Coliseum Drive Macon, Georgia 31217-3858
May 13-15, 2009	Office of the Secretary of State State Examining Boards 237 Coliseum Drive Macon, Georgia 31217-3858
July 15-17, 2009	Office of the Secretary of State State Examining Boards 237 Coliseum Drive Macon, Georgia 31217-3858
September 16-18, 2009	Office of the Secretary of State State Examining Boards 237 Coliseum Drive Macon, Georgia 31217-3858
November 18-20, 2009	Office of the Secretary of State State Examining Boards 237 Coliseum Drive Macon, Georgia 31217-3858

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday July 10, 2008 at 5:10 p.m.

Linda Herren, *President*

Sylvia Bond, *Executive Director*

The minutes were recorded by Gwen Dodson, *Administrative Assistant*, and approved September 18, 2008.